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Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following new paragraph following the eighth paragraph on page 5:

Fig. 30 is a front view of the display device using split tabs.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 5 under DRAWINGS – REFERENCE MATERIAL with the following:

30 ~~card or sheet material~~

42 and 42' crease or score

Please replace the third paragraph on page 5 under DRAWINGS – REFERENCE MATERIAL with the following:

36 and 36' small tab

46 and 46' photograph, card, or other
paper-like display material

Please replace the first paragraph on page 5 under DETAILED DESCRIPTION – PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS with the following:

A preferred embodiment of the present invention is illustrated in Figs. 1-4. Referring to Fig. 1, a card or sheet material 30 is cut into a rectangular shape sized so the edges are pre-determined. Inset from the edges, adjacent curved cuts or slits are made in card 30 to form opposing large tabs 32 and 32' and small tabs 36 and 36'. A straight crease 38 and 38' is located at the end of the curved cuts or slits to define large tabs 32 and 32' and small tabs 36 and 36'. Another set of curved cuts or slits and a vertical cut are made to form opposing split tabs 40a and 40b and split tabs 40's and 40'b. A straight crease 42 and 42' is located at the end of the curved cuts or slits to define split tabs with halves 40a and 40b and split tabs with halves 40'a and 40'b. A pre-centered hole or mark 14 is centrally located as a reference for even-hanging on vertical surfaces.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 7 under DETAILED DESCRIPTION – ADDITIONAL EMBODIMENTS with the following:

Additional embodiments are shown in Figs. 5—21 and Figs. 23—28. Figs. 5 and 6 illustrate two different possible adjacent tab styles capable of double-sided display. Instead of curved cuts to form the large tabs as in the preferred embodiment, the cuts are made of ½ diamonds or a series of ½ circles. Fig. 7 illustrates one of the many possible shapes of the display device. Fig. 8 shows

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three display devices cut from one strip of flexible sheet material. Score lines are made between each of the display devices to allow the entire strip to bend along the different score lines. In Fig. 9, four of the display devices are die-cut into a binder sheet that would fit into a three-ring binder for various albums or books. Perforated lines edges separate each of the display devices. Fig. 10 shows a combination of two display devices, capable of holding different-sized displayed materials. In Fig. 11, one display device is shown that is capable of holding three pieces of displayed material. Fig. 12 shows a display device with a an extended and decorative border die-cut around the device. Score lines are made on each side of the device so the edges can be bent in a controlled fashion from the main part of the display device. Fig. 13 shows several display devices connected by strings ~~and~~ and/or wires to form a mobile or sculpture. Fig. 14 shows a template of three 4" x 6" display devices printed on standard 8.5" x 11" paper supplied by a software program or computer. Fig. 15 shows a layer of laminate or tackifer affixed to each side of the display device. A tackifer is a releasable adhesive. Figs. 16—21 and Figs. 23—28 illustrate some of the many possible designs and shapes of the display device: that relate to the content of the photograph, card, or other paper-like material displayed.

Please replace the first paragraph under OPERATION—ADDITIONAL EMBODIMENTS with the following:

The display device can be used for various purposes including displaying paper-like display materials such as ~~vacation~~ photographs, sending holiday greetings or wedding invitations, ~~promoting~~ entertainment venue reminders, or venues and special items on restaurant menus, ~~displaying~~ business cards, and ~~acting as~~ table seat cards. Paper-like display materials are capable of the flexed, curved position as shown in Fig. 4. Additional embodiments of the present invention are illustrated in Figs. 5—21 and Figs. 23—28. The display device can have several different tab styles, capable of displaying the displayed material on both sides of the display device. Also the display device can be manufactured into several different shapes that can display on table-tops or be mounted on a wall. The strip version, in Fig. 8, is capable of displaying six pieces of displayed material on a tabletop or three when on a wall or refrigerator. The displayed material can be held in different orientations depending on which tabs are used. The perforated binder version, in Fig. 9, could be ~~sold as~~ part of a photo album. The user could

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tear out the display devices from the binder sheet and have four display devices in which they could show their photographs. In Fig. 10, a business card and a photograph could be displayed together in the combination display device. Fig. 11 shows one device that is capable of holding three pieces of display material. In Fig. 12, one version of a decorative border is shown with bent sides to add stability and dimension when only one piece of displayed material is shown. Fig. 13 shows display devices arranged as a mobile using strings or wires. Fig. 14 shows three display devices on a template printout from a computer software program. The user could use the software program to create their own display devices and print them on their home printer. Fig. 15 shows a layer of laminate or tackifier attached to each side of the display device to provide more grip on the displayed material.

Please replace the first complete paragraph on page 8 with the following:

Figs. 16—21 and Figs. 23—28 demonstrate a few of the possible shapes that relate to the photograph, card, or other paper-like material displayed and shows the markets the display device could span.